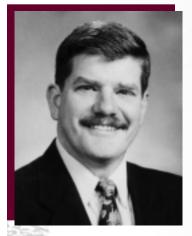
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Dear Friends and Neighbors,

I'm proud of how our local communities are responding to the September 11 attack on America and the anthrax scare. I'm seeing more unity and public spirit than I've seen in a long, long time.

But we all know we still face challenges ahead. What can we do to strengthen public safety in the light of new threats? How can we help Boeing workers and others who are being hurt by the temporary downturn in our economy? How can we get solutions to gridlock back on track, so that we don't lose even more jobs and more family time to traffic congestion?

The recent crisis and the economic slowdown haven't changed our values or our need to work for public safety, better schools, good job opportunities or mobility, but they do require fresh thinking about priorities and solutions.

Everyone has a stake in these and other challenges, and everyone deserves a say in how we address them. You can help me to speak for you when key state decisions are made by taking a few moments to answer this legislative survey.

As always, please let me know if you have any ideas about what government should or shouldn't be doing. And if you're having a problem dealing with a state agency or requirement, let me know that, too. My legislative assistant and I will do our best to help.

Let's keep in touch!

Mike Cooper

State Representative, 21st District



What are your priorities?

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Protecting public safety

■ The terrorist attacks have created public safety issues that seemed unimaginable a few months ago. While we won't be panicked or intimidated by possible threats, we do need to think about how we can make our communities and way of life more secure. Do you think the following steps should be taken?

Provide bioterrorism/anthrax equipment and training for police and firefighters.

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| | - | ction | ns for our water supply. No |
| | | rrori | ism training to police. No |
| | ovide additio Yes | | security in and around airports. No |

- The crime of committing a bioterrorism hoax is punishable by up to one year in jail and a \$5,000 fine. But anthrax hoaxes continue to scare people while imposing huge emergency-response costs. Should the punishment for bioterrorism hoaxes be increased?
 - ☐ Yes ☐ No

Other

- Should the details of emergency-response planning be exempt from state open-meetings laws, to prevent terrorists from discovering possible vulnerabilities?
 - □ Yes □ No

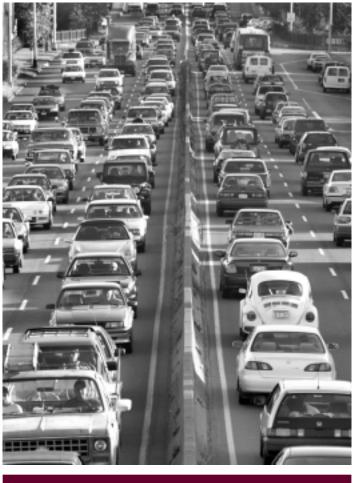


Erik Olson, IAFF Local 451, Centralia Fire Fighters. Photo by Toni Bailey, Centralia Chronicle.

Transportation

- Legislators are considering a 'Get Washington Moving' plan to fix transportation problems that are robbing time from families and hurting our economy. For about \$12 a month per person, mainly from a 9-cent gastax hike phased in over three years, this plan would:
 - Invest \$6 billion in highway improvement.
 - Finish the HOV system.

| | Add nearly \$1 billion in public transit. | | | | |
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| | Add new passenger and freight rail. | | | | |
| | Replace four outdated auto ferries and buy thre new passenger only ferries. | | | | |
| | • I | Build \$100 n | nillio | on worth of park & rides. | |
| | Would you support this plan? ☐ Yes ☐ No | | | | |
| | Cor | nment | | | |
| ■ What features do you want to see in a state transportation plan? Any new revenues raised in a county should be spent in that county. | | | | | |
| | | Yes | | No | |
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Making schools even stronger

■ People voted overwhelmingly last year to improve education by investing more in Washington's teachers and schools. To achieve higher standards of learning, we also need better ways to hold schools accountable for results. What approaches to strengthening accountability do you support?

| Re | ls tha | at achieve academic excellence. |
|----|------------|---|
| | ols th | nat fail to achieve good results. No |

Replace administrators in low-performing schools.

☐ Yes ☐ No

Allow parents to send their kids to different schools

Allow parents to send their kids to different schools. \square Yes \square No

Please use the back side for your comments and suggestions. Please refold, stamp and mail to:

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